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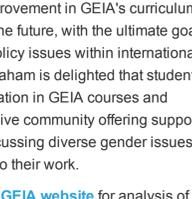
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WELCOME BACK!

We hope everyone had a restful summer!

While we are disappointed not to welcome new and returning students to campus this fall, we are excited to engage with the GEIA community in coming months. Stay tuned for events and updates throughout the semester!



GEIA SURVEY RESULTS

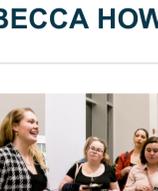
During the spring 2020 semester, GEIA conducted a survey with former and current students led by GEIA Fellow [Dr. Jessica Turner](#), with the support of student researchers Shirley Song, Jessica Butehorn, and GEIA Program Assistant Katie Chambers. GEIA Director Dr. Shirley Graham established the survey to determine strengths and areas of improvement in GEIA's curriculum and how best to serve the GEIA community in the future, with the ultimate goal of developing gender experts to work across policy issues within international relations. In reviewing the survey results, Dr. Graham is delighted that students felt empowered as a result of their participation in GEIA courses and programing, that they felt part of a strong, inclusive community offering support and allyship, and that they were confident discussing diverse gender issues and applying a gender lens to their work.

Check future GEIA bulletins and posts on the [GEIA website](#) for analysis of survey results from Jessica Turner.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey - we are grateful for your insight and thoughtful feedback!

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: KRISTINA WILFORE

We are thrilled that [Kristina Wilfore](#) has returned as advisor to the Global Gender Policy Capstone. Kristina's recent work has focused on the prevalence of sexualized disinformation in political campaigns, with particular emphasis on the impact of misogyny and disinformation during the U.S. 2020 election cycle. Kristina and GEIA have been working closely with [Rebekah Tromble](#), Director of the Institute for Data, Democracy, and Politics, to bring a gender perspective in analyzing disinformation. Kristina has worked diligently to raise the issue of gendered disinformation in conversations about social media platform responsibility. Additionally, she recently helped to conduct a survey with [Celinda Lake](#) to assess the public awareness of this topic and how best to frame the issue. Survey results indicate:



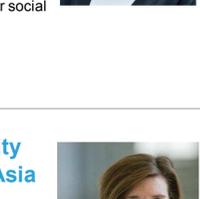
- The public believes that bullying and harassment toward women is harmful and happens often on social media. They believe that groups of people engage in this behavior toward women, especially those who seek public office or lead in their communities or professions, in order to damage their credibility, humiliate them, and prevent them from engaging in public life or taking leadership roles.
- They think the spread of lies and misinformation is a very serious problem, and that some groups intentionally spread them and use harassment on social media as a tactic to silence opponents. Importantly they adamantly want social media platforms to do more than they are currently doing to address this behavior.
- Perceptions of this problem and desires for action span partisan identification. Citizens across party lines say this is a serious problem that happens too often. Partisans agree social media companies have not done enough to ensure a safe environment and want platforms to do more than they currently are doing to stop the intentional spread of harmful content.

[Click here](#) for more information on Kristina's exciting work, her interests, and wide-reaching experience.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: REBECCA HOWE

Recent Elliott School graduate [Rebecca Howe](#) has accepted an exciting position as a Policy Advisor in the UK Cabinet Office.

Rebecca played a pivotal role in creating the Raise Your Voice for Gender Equality Photography Project as part of GEIA's March 2020 International Women's Day Conference and celebration. In her new position as Policy Advisor, Rebecca will be part of a team focusing on the UK government's priority projects. The GEIA community sends its congratulations and best wishes across the pond to Rebecca - we are continually amazed by your creativity and spirit, and we know great things are in store as you embark on this new journey!



Are you beginning a new job, fellowship, or other exciting opportunity? We want to celebrate your achievement! Send a photo and short description of your new role and we'll feature you in an upcoming GEIA bulletin.

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GEIA SPOTLIGHT

Election 2020: Kamala Harris is Breaking Barriers and Paving a Path Towards Parity in Leadership

GEIA Research Assistant Erin Cieraszynski discusses the critical importance of Kamala Harris's nomination against the backdrop of political tension, calls for social justice reform, and the Covid-19 pandemic.



[Read the article here.](#)

The Legacy of 1945 for Equality and Women's Leadership in Asia

GEIA Fellow [Gwen Young](#) writes on the rise of women's leadership in Asia since 1945 and the state of women's rights today as part of the [Wilson Center's series](#) on the legacy of WWII in the Pacific.



[Read the report here.](#)

FALL EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE

GEIA has several virtual events planned for Fall 2020. Stay tuned for event invitations and details!

September 7

Fireside Chat on Gender and Security with
GEIA Director Dr. Shirley Graham and Sigma Iota Rho

September 14

Human Security and the Gendered War in Kashmir with:

Ambassador Prudence Bushnell

Retired Foreign Service Officer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, and U.S. Ambassador to the Republics of Kenya and Guatemala

Dr. Imtiaz Khan

Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at The George Washington University

Todd Shea

CEO and Founder of Comprehensive Disaster Response Services

Farhana Qazi

Scholar, Author, and Elliott School Professor of Women and Terrorism

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September 28

GEIA Networking Event with GEIA Advisory Board, current students, alumni, and potential mentors

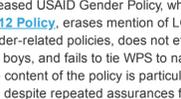
October 7

Launch of the GEIA Women's Political Participation Index
with GEIA Fellow Gwen Young

JOBS, OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

Job Openings:

- WOMEN FOR WOMEN INTERNATIONAL - Associate Director, Women's Economic Power
- NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM - Public History Research Intern, Fall 2020
- PLANNED PARENTHOOD - Legislative Coordinator
- THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN - Part-time PAC Coordinator
- PLAN INTERNATIONAL - Fundraising Research and Data Intern
- INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON WOMEN - Global Policy Advocate
- UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE - Research Assistant, Governance, Justice and Security
- UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE - Research Assistant, Grants and Fellowships
- UN WOMEN - International Evaluation Consultant, Short Term Contract
- NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE - Southern and East Africa (SEA)



USAID's 2020 Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Policy

The Coalition of Gender Coalitions has been working together to mobilize strong resistance to the new Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Policy, which dramatically curtails the more forward-looking 2012 Policy. USAID, erases mention of LGBTQI+ individuals, omits reference to pre-Trump gender-related policies, does not effectively outline engagement strategies with men and boys, and fails to tie WPS to national security and other strategies and policies. The content of the policy is particularly problematic, as it wholly supersedes the 2012 Policy, despite repeated assurances from Julie Cram and Michelle Beckering that it would add to/update, not strike and replace it.

For additional critique of the revised policy, please read:

[Ms. Magazine article on the policy's high-level problems](#)

[ProPublica article on the removal of LGBTQI+ individuals from the policy](#)



Narratives for Peace Initiative: Communicating About Peace and Peacebuilding

AfP and PartnersGlobal have released a report, [Communicating About Peace and Peacebuilding: Challenges, Opportunities, and Emerging Recommendations](#). As a part of a broader [Narratives for Peace](#) initiative, member organization PartnersGlobal, together with AfP, has been investing in bridging narrative theory and practice to make "peacebuilding" a more salient policy priority for the broader public. With support from Humanity United and the Open Society Foundations, we are working closely with Frameworks Institute on a social science research project to uncover effective narrative frames for peacebuilding in US foreign policy.

[READ REPORT](#)

In case you missed it:



[WATCH RECORDING](#)

Would you like your event featured in the GEIA Bulletin? Interested in co-sponsoring an event with GEIA? Submit your inquiry and we'll be in touch as soon as we can.

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FALL 2020 UPDATE

[GW FALL 2020 PLAN](#)

[GW FALL 2020 FAQs](#)

[GW FALL 2020 ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)

FALL 2020 COURSES

Gender courses offered this upcoming semester include:

- IAFF 2190W Women in Global Politics
- IAFF 3180 Gender, Conflict, and Security
- IAFF 3180 Women and Terrorism
- IAFF 3183 Human Trafficking (undergraduate)
- IAFF 3190 Women, Rights, and Gender Equality
- IAFF 3190W Masculinities in International Affairs
- IAFF 3210W Migration, Gender, and International Development
- IAFF 6102 Global Gender Policy
- IAFF 6118 Gender and Security
- IAFF 6118 Research Methods in Global Gender Issues
- IAFF 6138 Gender and Development
- IAFF 6138 Human Trafficking (graduate)
- IAFF 6502 Advocating for Women's Rights
- IAFF 6503 Gender Advisor: Roles and Skills
- IAFF 6503 Gender Monitoring and Evaluation

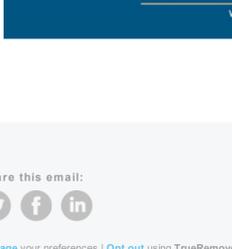
Fall 2020 course still available for enrollment:

IAFF 6186 Transitional Justice
Tuesdays 5:10pm - 7:00pm with [Elvira Restrepo Saenz](#)

The purpose of this course is to allow the student to weigh the relative theoretical merits of some of the Transitional Justice components (its most iconic are trials and truth commissions) in actual concrete experiences in different countries that have experienced huge violations of human rights. Emblematic case studies are used to illustrate and expand the analyzed concepts of transitional justice in countries in Africa (South Africa and Rwanda), South America (Argentina and Colombia) and Europe (Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Czech and Slovakian Republics). Transitional Justice processes need to take into account how all genders experienced the conflict and ensure their inclusion in all formal peacebuilding processes.

This course will be taught online.

GLOBAL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The Global Women's Institute

The Global Women's Institute (GWI) at the George Washington University launched in the Fall of 2012 as a university-wide measure to advance gender equality through various initiatives such as interdisciplinary research, education, policy and outreach.

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